



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0376

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Hiroiyuki SHIOYA	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 2628
Application No.: 10/672,381	)	
	)	Examiner: Phu K. Nguyen
Filed: September 26, 2003	)	
	)	Confirmation Number: 8525
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	
AND METHOD OF SAME	)	

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2006, the period for response having been extended to July 24, 2006, by a petition for a one month extension of time and fee payment submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 9.